

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1-5 and 8 are amended, claims 6-7 and 9-11 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein and claims 12-14 are newly added. No new matter is added. After entry of this Amendment, claims 1-5, 8 and 12-14 will remain pending in the patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of the present patent application based on the foregoing amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 6-7 and 9-11 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, thus rendering moot the rejection as applied to these claims.

With respect to the rejection of claims 1-5 and 8, Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to these claims obviate the rejection. Specifically, claims 1, 5 and 8 are amended to delete the recitations "configured to" and "resultant structure." Claim 5 is also amended to delete the recitation "all set." Furthermore, claim 2 is amended to delete the recitation "double-layered recording medium" and "a perpendicular magnetic system". Moreover, in claims 5 and 8, the limitation "from one of such shielding members to the other" is replaced with the limitation "from one of the shielding members to another one of the shielding members."

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of claims 1-5 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, are respectfully requested.

All matters having been addressed, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the immediate allowance of all pending claims.

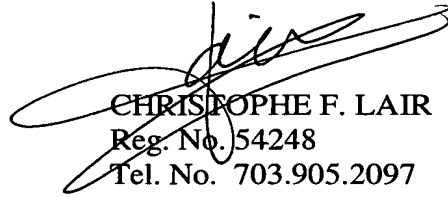
Applicant's Counsel remains ready to assist the Examiner in any way to facilitate and expedite the prosecution of this matter.

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